

*William C. Haggard*

Bill Haggard graduated from Herculaneum High School in 1969, received his Associate of Arts degree from Jefferson College in 1971, and graduated magna cum laude from Southeast Missouri State University with a B.S. in Education and a biological science major in 1973. He served his professional career in the Hillsboro R-3 District as a high school science teacher for 32 years; retiring in June of 2005.

Bill was an excellent classroom teacher as well as an involved member of the district. He was the Science Department Chairperson for fifteen years and served on a number of committees for the district. He was a active member of the Hillsboro NEA for thirty-one years, serving as president in the early 1990's, and chaired several committees within the organization, including salary and scholarship committees. He was the chief negotiator for several years in salary welfare negotiations.

Bill also has given service to our Dunklin R-5 district. Beginning in 1978, he served six years on the Dunklin Board of Education, has been a member of various committees for fundraising and the betterment of our school district.

He gives an enormous amount of time and dedication to his two school districts, and, amazingly, he has devoted more time to his community. Chief Haggard has been the Herculaneum Fire Department Chief for thirty-one years, having been a member of the department for forty-three years, and a member of the Junior Fire Department throughout high school. Chief Haggard has organized fundraisers such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association Fill the Boot collection as well as the Annual Coat, Toy and Food Drive. He also organizes safety classes for the public each year.

For the city of Herculaneum, Bill began serving on the Board of Alderman in 2004. Since 2010, he has served as mayor, and throughout the years, he has brought the city of Herculaneum a very long list of service accomplishments. Here we share a sample: he is president of the Herculaneum Historical Society, served as co-chairman

of the Bicentennial Committee culminating in the 2008 Bicentennial Celebration, and reorganized the Herculaneum Public Library in 2005. He has served on committees of Planning and Zoning, Recycling, and the Herculaneum Park Board. Mayor Haggard annually chairs numerous civic events including: Easter Egg Hunt, Movies in the Park, Fourth of July Celebration, Halloween Event, Evening With Santa, the Pevely-Herculaneum Christmas Parade, and the Outdoor Lighting and Decoration Contest.

He has served as president of the Jefferson County Firefighters Association since 2009, serves as chairman of the Annual Jeffco Fire Engine Rally, was the Herculaneum Citizen of the Year in 2008, received the Twin City Area Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award in 2013, and was named Alumnus of the Year by Jefferson College in May of 2013. He is also placed on the University of Missouri Extension Leaders Honor Roll for 2012.

Whether it's Chief Haggard, Mayor Haggard, or Mr. Haggard in the classroom, Bill Haggard has lived his life in service to others. The school districts, fire district, and community in general have all prospered and continue to thrive thanks to the hard work of Bill Haggard.